

Supports for Community Living (SCL)

Enhanced Rate for Deinstitutionalization FAQs

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1. Question: Which provider types are eligible for the enhanced rate for deinstitutionalization?

Answer: Staffed Residence and Group Home providers.

2. Question: What does the enhanced rate cover?

Answer: The enhanced rate will cover all current SCL waiver services described in [907 KAR 1:145, Section 4](#).

3. Question: What does "all inclusive" mean?

Answer: "All inclusive" means that the enhanced rate will cover residential and all other covered SCL services (as identified in 907 KAR 1:145, Section 4) provided to the resident for a year. Regular state plan services such as physician and hospital services will continue to be covered as usual.

4. Question: What regulation changes are necessary?

Answer: 907 KAR 1:155 (SCL reimbursement) is being amended to create a new section that outlines the criteria for payment of the enhanced rate. 907 KAR 1:155 will be filed as an emergency regulation so that payment of the enhanced rate will be effective on September 1, 2006.

5. Question: What must I do as a provider to receive the enhanced rate?

Answer: Providers must be capable of ensuring that the deinstitutionalized SCL recipient has access to each service identified in the recipient's individual habilitation plan through its own organization or through an established network of providers that are certified or licensed in accordance with state law governing their specific area of practice.

If you are interested in having deinstitutionalized SCL recipients placed in your care, please contact Angela Kirkland, Director, Division of Long Term Care and Community Alternatives, at the following e-mail address. Please provide Angela with information regarding your capacity: angela.kirkland@ky.gov

6. Question: Who will be responsible for the evaluation and plan of care?

Answer: The institution will conduct the evaluation. The provider-arranged case manager will participate in completing the plan of care.

7. Question: How will recipients be assigned?

Answer: Institution transition staff will evaluate and assign acuity levels before community placement.

8. Question: As a provider, what happens if I cannot meet the needs of the SCL recipient who has been placed in my care? What should I do? Who do I contact and how?

Answer: Providers will need to show that they have exhausted all community resources available to stabilize the placement. Additionally, the Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) will assist with alternative placement. DMS will evaluate each case individually and provide consultation. Institution staff (including Oakwood) will also be available for consultation.

9. Question: Will I be part of the evaluation team to determine residential placement?

Answer: Institution and DMS staff will evaluate acuity. Case managers will be involved in transition meetings.

10. Question: What must I do to prepare for placement of an SCL recipient?

Answer: Providers should identify all necessary community resources that can be used for each recipient and be actively involved with transition team meetings.

11. Question: How do I notify DMS with information regarding who and how many recipients I can take?

Answer: Please contact Angela Kirkland at the following e-mail address and provide information regarding your capacity: angela.kirkland@ky.gov

12. Question: What if I lose money on an SCL recipient?

Answer: The proposed enhanced rate is a fixed fee per year per SCL recipient. There will be no additional payments or recoupments for two years. The case mix is intended to protect providers from being harmed financially.

13. Question: What about future reimbursement?

Answer: Enhanced rates to providers will be in place for two years. After that, the rates will be re-evaluated. The re-evaluation will include examination of tiered rate reimbursement.

14. Question: What about preparatory costs?

Answer: A one-time payment of \$6,000 per resident, not to exceed \$12,000 per residence will be available if residential modifications are necessary. The one-time payment will be provided by the Department for Mental Health and Mental Retardation, and will not be part of Medicaid's reimbursement.

15. Question: How do I bill?

Answer: Providers will use a new procedure code. Additionally, providers will continue to submit no-pay claims for informational purposes. Encounter data will be used to assist in developing new rates after two years.

16. Question: What background information will I be given about individuals selected for community placement?

Answer: Providers will receive all pertinent information relayed during transition team meetings.

17. Question: What criteria, evaluation tool, or methodology will be used to determine the care plan for each recipient?

Answer: The provider arranged case manager will use information from the transition team meetings to complete the plan of care.

18. Question: Will I be responsible for all medical care for SCL recipients placed in my care?

Answer: You will not be responsible for payment of medical care, but you will be responsible for coordinating all medical services. As indicated in a previous question, you will be financially responsible only those costs identified in 907 KAR 1:145, Section 4. Other costs (such as physician, pharmacy, hospitalization, etc.) will continue to be available using the recipient's Medicaid card.

19. Question: What methodology will be used to have changes made in the recipient's plan of care?

Answer: Providers will utilize the current procedures.

20. Question: Will there be oversight/monitoring from the state regarding these placements? If so, what should be expected?

Answer: Yes, monitoring will continue. Monitoring visits will occur at 90 days, six months, and one year after the community placement.

21. Question: Who will be eligible for placement and receiving the enhanced rate?

Answer: The enhance rate applies only to recipients who are currently in an ICF/MR placement and have been there for the two years (24 months) immediately preceding the date of placement.

22. Question: Will the enhanced rate only apply to placements from state owned and operated ICF/MR facilities?

Answer: No, the enhanced rate will not be limited to placements from state owned and operated facilities.

23. Question: Could an individual be moved from another ICF/MR using this plan, i.e. move an individual from Oakwood to another ICF/MR placement?

Answer: The enhanced rate applies to community placements only.